

Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
Revised Agenda

1) Belmont Road Bridge Project, Downers Grove, DuPage County

DuPage County has submitted a project application for assistance from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) to help pay for a new bridge carrying tracks of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) over Belmont Road in Downers Grove. The new structure would replace an existing highway-rail grade crossing at the same location. Existing highway traffic volume is 19,800 vehicles per day, and existing rail traffic is 160 trains per day.

The new railroad bridge is part of a larger project that includes construction of a new Metra commuter rail station, relocation of two existing roadways, and construction of additional parking facilities for the Metra station. The total estimated cost of the project is \$36.2M.

In September 2000, the Commission approved a policy that limits the amount of GCPF assistance for any one project to \$12M. The Commission further directed staff to bring any project with an estimated cost greater than \$20M to them, along with background material, so that a decision could be made on how much GCPF assistance is warranted.

The Rail Safety Section staff believes the total estimated cost of eligible work items for this project would exceed \$20M. Therefore, staff is requesting the TPC provide direction on how to proceed. (30 Minutes).

2) Presentation by Illinois Recovery Association and Professional Towing & Recovery Operators of Illinois. (15 minutes)